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# 'There was no mischief there'

## Investigation.

Father of Lethbridge  
man at centre of  
suspected hoax  
defends son's actions



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As police announced Tuesday they are considering a public-mischief charge against a southern Alberta man alleged to have staged his own disappearance, his father chalked up the incident to stress associated with everyday life.

Matthew Robillard's relatives called police Thursday when the 25-year-old Lethbridge man failed to show up for work at a Scotiabank in nearby Picture Butte.

His car was later discovered with a smashed window in an industrial area near the Calgary airport. Media reported his keys, wallet and phone had been left in the car along with a strange package of cigarettes. He apparently didn't smoke.

Investigators found Robillard, a married father of a six-month-old baby, Saturday morning in a Calgary

hotel. They say they are considering whether to lay a public-mischief charge.

But Gary Robillard, speaking to Metro Tuesday, said his son had a momentary lapse in judgment and is back home with his family.

"To me, there was no mischief there, at all," he said. "You had somebody that was under stress or whatever and did some stuff that probably wasn't really thinking. We all do that sometimes."

But police Staff Sgt. Ian Sanderson said considerable energy went into the search for Robillard. About a dozen officers in Lethbridge and Calgary spent time looking for him.

"No resources were left untapped in this," Sanderson said, adding that Robillard's family is not believed to be complicit in the alleged hoax.

Gary Robillard said he's kept in close touch with his son since he turned up Saturday but did not know the circumstances surrounding his damaged car or what Matthew was doing at the Calgary Travelodge where he was found.

He said he believes the incident will lead Matthew and his wife to "draw closer."

"(Matthew's) struggling,"

Gary Robillard continued. "He's having a tough time with life and stuff. He's a good kid. He's not one to go out and cause trouble.... For him, he's got a young baby. He's right at the edge of the life, where you just feel like everything's piling on top of you."

Thankful friends, many of whom joined widespread search efforts over the weekend, later took to Facebook to express support for Matthew.

"They didn't know," Sgt. Sanderson said. "They went about something with all the best of intentions. And at this point in time, Mr. Robillard has to answer to his own actions."

But Gary Robillard said his son has been flooded with supportive emails and phone calls from family and friends.

"There's a lot of speculation, a lot of stuff that's going out there," he said. "The key point I think everybody's forgetting is Matthew's safe."

"There's going to be a lot of growing for a lot of people out of this."

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The supposed disappearance of Matthew Robillard, seen here, last week is now suspected to have been part of an unexplained hoax. The 25-year-old Lethbridge man could now face a public-mischief charge, police said Tuesday.

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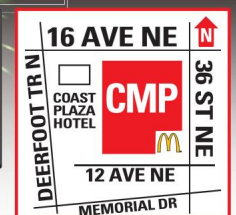
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'Last resort'

## MRU could slash faculty, programs to close budget gap

Administrators at one of Calgary's largest post-secondary institutions could be forced to trim staffing levels and cut programs to close an \$8.5-million budget gap over the next two years, but a spokesperson said Tuesday those measures would only be a "last resort."

Mount Royal University presented more definitive numbers concerning an operating shortfall during a private meeting Monday, and administrative vice-president Duane Anderson said Tuesday much work is being done to generate revenue on campus.

Some ideas being explored include increasing summer rentals of on-campus parking and residences as well as adjusting and expanding current business agreements, Anderson said.

"We are, of course, going to do everything we can to not reduce staffing and do things through other scenarios, other options," he said. "But, with the magnitude of cuts that we're going to be looking at, there is potential for adjustments to staffing levels ... those decisions haven't been made yet."

Mount Royal's projections are based on two-per-cent operating grant increases originally approved by the provincial government for both the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years.

The province is now staring at a \$6-billion budget shortfall and newly announced Advanced Education Minister Thomas Lukaszuk warned universities to "be prepared" to find new efficiencies in an interview with Metro on Monday.

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Calgary police Staff Sgt. Robert Rutledge addresses reporters Tuesday after announcing human-trafficking charges against two men who allegedly held teenaged girls against their will and forced one to work as a prostitute. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

# Calgary girls held hostage, police say

**Landmark case.** Investigators lay charges in city's first-ever human-trafficking case involving minors



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"Extremely disturbing" is how police are describing circumstances that allegedly saw two teenaged Calgary girls held captive for days, with one forced to perform sexual acts on "several dozen" paying customers.

It's a form of prostitution seemingly unlike any previous-

ly encountered by local investigators and led Tuesday to Calgary's first charges of human trafficking in a case involving minors, according to Staff Sgt. Robert Rutledge.

He said police only learned of the alleged crimes in December when one of the two alleged victims, their ages 17 and 15, came forward to describe the ordeal that followed after meeting a group of men.

It's alleged the sexual encounters occurred in multiple hotel rooms over a period of days in Calgary's northern areas, Rutledge said.

"These guys come in as knights in shining armour," he said. "They wine and dine

### Charges

- Police formally announced charges Tuesday including trafficking, assault and forcible confinement against Arjanit Nick "Sammy" Simnica, 29, and Avni "Antonio" Gashi, 22, both of Calgary.

these gals; they provide them with clothes; they take them to fancy restaurants; they buy them jewelry, lingerie, perfume."

But at some point, Rutledge said, the men begin to want

something in return.

"These girls fell in with the wrong crowd," he said.

Marilyn Dyck, executive director of youth-outreach group The Doorway, said youngsters lacking a stable home life or living on the streets are often vulnerable to even complete strangers willing to show them a little compassion.

"They have not had people that believed in them, people that have affirmed them, paid attention to them," she said. "As human beings, we are very susceptible to people that appear to be good to us."

Both men charged in the incident announced Tuesday are slated to appear in court Friday.

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# Charter requires more provincial leadership: Nenshi

## State of the City.

Mayor delivers his annual address Tuesday, focused on MOU with province



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Discussions surrounding city charters require more leadership from the provincial government, according to Mayor Naheed Nenshi.

During his annual State of the City address at a Rotary Club luncheon Tuesday afternoon at the Fairmont Palliser, Nenshi addressed questions about the charter, which is currently being developed by the city and the province.

"I'm pausing because I think I should choose my words carefully. Nah, why

## Quoted

**"I'm not shy about telling you that. We have a huge fiscal imbalance in this province."**

Mayor Naheed Nenshi, speaking after the State of the City address

start now," he joked.

City officials from both Calgary and Edmonton and Minister of Municipal Affairs Doug Griffiths signed a memorandum of understanding in June 2012, acknowledging that all parties would work on a document that defines the roles of each level of government.

"Getting this charter right is really important. It's about decision-making, it's about figuring out the relationship between the two cities and, yes, it's about revenue," said

Nenshi, adding that administration on both sides have been working well together.

"I will tell you, I'm very frustrated," he said. "When I hear the minister and the premier start talking about items we thought we were negotiating, and laying down the laws so the city is the farm team, and to be told what it's going to be — this is a big problem.... We need a little more political leadership from the province on this, and that's me choosing my words carefully."

When the memorandum was signed last year, Griffiths committed to having a draft of the charter completed by spring 2013.

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## In memoriam

### Memorial held for arts booster and real-estate developer Jack Singer

Prior to passing away, Calgary legend Jack Singer said his greatest legacy in life was his family.

That's what over 200 people heard Tuesday at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue during a memorial for the late Singer, who died Feb. 2 at the age of 95.

Singer's sons Stephen and Alan spoke of the Canadian real-estate developer's generous nature. They said he was successful in life, unselfish and held a deep love for those around him.

Singer was born in Calgary in 1917, attended Central High School and by age 17 had already begun his real-estate dealings with a purchase of a building in Calgary.

He was an avid supporter of the arts and has the Jack Singer concert hall in the city named after him.

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## Inglewood. City puts off Alyth Yard decision until after CP Rail meeting



Noise from train maintenance and other activities at the busy Alyth Yard has caused headaches for nearby residents for years. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Inglewood residents will have to wait at least two more weeks to see what the city and CP Rail plan to do about the noise at Alyth Yard.

The busy rail site has long been a source of frustration to area residents who complain about the loud sounds of train maintenance at various hours of the day and night.

"It's just washing the community in noise like they've never experienced in 100 years," Ald. Gian-Carlo Carra said Tuesday after a city committee opted to wait to decide how to proceed with Phase 2 of a noise study at Alyth Yard.

CP Rail participated in the first phase of the study but pulled out of the second phase

and began pursuing its own study following a ruling from the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA).

Tuesday marked the deadline for CP Rail to respond to the ruling, and company spokesman Kevin Hryszak said it would wait to hear back from the CTA before deciding what to do next.

The company does plan to share data from its study with the city, Hryszak added, and is working to arrange a meeting with city officials within the next two weeks.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said such a meeting would be important, given the recent top-level, executive changes at CP Rail. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

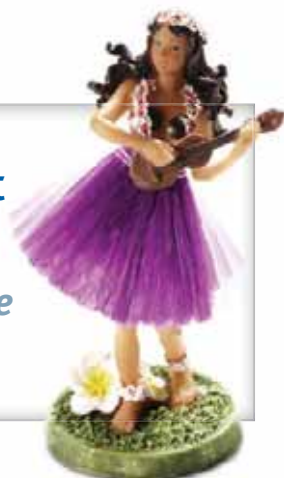


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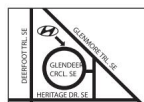
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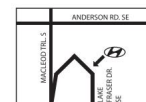
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# Canadian believed to be behind Bulgarian bus bombing: Baird

**Dual citizen.** Suspect in July attack lived in Lebanon but entered with Canadian passport

A Canadian "dual national" living in Lebanon is believed to be involved in the deadly bus bombing in Bulgaria last July, Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird confirmed Tuesday.

But key questions remained unanswered as Canada coped with the second allegation by a foreign government in recent weeks that Canadians took part in terrorist attacks abroad.

"This is not a resident of Canada. It's a dual national who I am told resides in Lebanon," Baird told a news conference on Parliament Hill.

"I couldn't even tell you the last time this person was in Canada," he said, adding that the suspect is still at large.



A bus is moved from the airport in Burgas, Bulgaria, after an attack on vacationing Israelis last July. IMPACT PRESS GROUP FILE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The figure entered Bulgaria with a Canadian passport and is believed to be linked to Hezbollah, the Shiite militant group and political party.

The attack killed five Israelis and their Bulgarian driver.

Tuesday's disclosure comes as Ottawa has yet to corroborate a claim by Algeria that at

least one Canadian took part in a deadly attack on a Saharan gas plant last month.

"We've had a more robust engagement with Bulgaria, and they provided more information," said Baird. "The situation in Algeria is just completely different. We don't even have a name."

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## They got their answer

British lawmakers on Tuesday voted overwhelmingly in favour of a bill to legalize same-sex marriage championed by Prime Minister David Cameron, despite strong opposition from within his Conservative Party. The bill must still pass a vote in the House of Lords. DAN KITWOOD/GETTY IMAGES

### Provincial partners

## Sask. premier calls Que. a 'distraction' on health council

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall says it's not surprising that Quebec has pulled out of a national health-care committee set up by the provinces.

"Quebec has been more of a distraction at this table than a constructive partner," Wall, co-chair of the committee, said Tuesday in an email to The Canadian Press. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Terrorism

## U.S. freer than thought to kill citizens abroad

An unclassified memo reveals that the Obama administration has had more lenient rules than publicly known for when drones can be launched to kill U.S. citizens working abroad with terrorists.

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# 'Unfriending' can be really hurtful

## Facebook foes.

Online rejection hits vulnerable users hard, new study says

If you want to trim your list of Facebook contacts, think twice before hitting "unfriend." That person may never forgive you, a new academic study suggests.

About 40 per cent of people would avoid seeing someone in real life who had unfriended them, with a further 10 per cent unsure. A higher ratio of women said they would avoid contact than men. The study also found the likeliest determining factor for a decision to

avoid was if the unfriending had been discussed with other people.

"People think social networks are just for fun," said study author Christopher Sibona, a PhD student at the University of Colorado Denver Business School. "But the study makes clear that unfriending is meaningful and has important psychological consequences for those to whom it occurs."

Social networks are especially attractive to narcissists and people with low self-esteem, but they are vulnerable. "Unfriending could damage people with anxiety and confidence issues," Dr. Gregory Webster, a psychologist and

social-media expert at the University of Florida, told Metro. "These networks can distort reality, particularly if you don't have much of a social life in the real world."

Sibona had also researched the causes of unfriending in a 2010 study. Leading factors were "frequent, unimportant posts," such as on children or family, and controversial posts on politics or religion. But Webster believes unfriending is also for "public presentation and wanting to appear very selective about our social set."

If unfriending is too much to take, Twitter may be a better choice with the milder unfollow less likely to cause trauma.

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Clicking the "Unfriend" tool on Facebook may lead to an "unfriending" in real life. KIERON MONKS/METRO WORLD NEWS

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# Decision day: Consumers finally get their paws on BlackBerry Z10

**Retail debut.** First day of sales doesn't match mania around iPhone launches, but numbers are 'quite robust'

There weren't any lineups around the block, but Canadians finally had a chance to get their hands on the new BlackBerry smartphone on Tuesday as the device went on sale across the country.

The company behind the once-dominant phone joined with Rogers Communications to hold a media event in downtown Toronto, where a small number of customers who pre-ordered the BlackBerry Z10 activated their devices in front of the cameras.

About 24 people showed up at the event, Rogers spokeswoman Michelle Kelly said.

But the fanfare around the first day of sales paled in comparison to Apple's iPhone launches, when sometimes hundreds of people wait out-

side stores to be among the first to own the latest model.

"Twelve years with the same company and I haven't switched," said Joseph Santos, a professed BlackBerry loyalist, who works as an IT manager in Toronto. "Being the head of an IT department, there was a lot of pressure to go to an Android phone. I kind of fought them off. This is my last stand here."

The BlackBerry launch comes after several delays left longtime fans either sticking with their older phones or switching to a competitor's phone.

The new BlackBerry is expected to sell for about \$150 on a three-year contract. Koodo is selling it without a contract for \$550.

Albert Lee, a spokesman for Bell, could not provide any preliminary sales statistics, but did say the number of pre-orders the company has seen for the Z10 "were higher than any other BB (BlackBerry) before."

"We're seeing intense interest today — sales are quite robust," Lee said in an email.

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Peter Rosenthal, right, talks with sales representative Dan Marsan about his new BlackBerry Z10 at a Rogers store in Montreal on Tuesday during the Canadian launch of the device. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Biggest customer base**

## U.S. debut set for next month

BlackBerry CEO Thorsten Heins, who was on hand for Tuesday's event at Rogers headquarters, said while he's disappointed the BlackBerry is not available in the U.S., its debut stateside next month will likely be helped by the earlier Canadian launch.

"Canada will be raving about the BlackBerry Z10 and consequently will influence the U.S. market," he said. Heins said the BlackBerry's launch into the U.S., the company's biggest customer base by far, is coming later because of the extensive testing required by the U.S. carriers and the regulatory process.

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## Environmental audit. Resource boom is outstripping Canada's eco safeguards, watchdog finds

Canada's aggressive pursuit of resource development is exposing the country to heightened environmental and financial risks that are not being properly handled by federal regulators, a new audit says.

In his final report to Parliament after five years on the job, Scott Vaughan — Canada's commissioner of the environment and sustainable development — said government is not keeping sufficient tabs on mining in the North, offshore drilling in the Atlantic and hydraulic fracturing in hundreds of thousands of shale gas wells sprouting up across the country.

Nor are regulators equipped to deal with major oil spills or an expected 300 per cent increase in tanker traffic off the West Coast, the report says. Coupled with previous re-

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**"There are some serious questions about the federal capacity to safeguard Canada's environment."**

Scott Vaughan, Canada's commissioner of the environment and sustainable development

ports that question oversight of pipelines and the oil sands, "you end up with a portrait where there are some serious questions about the federal capacity to safeguard Canada's environment," Vaughan said.

"We know that there's a boom in natural resources in this country. I think what we need now ... is a boom in environmental protection in this country as well."

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# J.J. ABRAMS IS A NEW HOPE FOR STAR WARS



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Here's an idea:  
The world is a dream and the dreamer is a guy named J.J. Abrams.  
If you want proof, just about everything you watch starts in

the head of J.J. Abrams.

Here's just a partial list. On TV: *Felicity*, *Alias*, *Lost*, *Fringe*, *Person of Interest* and *Revolution*.

Movies: *Super 8*, *Cloverfield*, *Mission Impossible*, the reboot of the *Star Trek* franchise and now the reboot of the *Star Wars* franchise.

## Episode VII

J.J. Abrams is the Steven Spielberg AND the George Lucas of the second decade of the 21st century.

J.J. Abrams is the Steven Spielberg AND the George Lucas of the second decade of the 21st century. He's the guy who is personally responsible for keeping Luke Skywalker and Captain Kirk alive and vital.

And also keeping Hollywood alive and vital.

While other directors and producers have been over-

taken by a geriatric psychosis that causes them to produce the same Bruce Willis, Sylvester Stallone or Arnold Schwarzenegger movie over and over and over again to empty theatres, Abrams is busily luring the multichannel generation back into the multiplex with the consummate skills of a master showman. Not-your-father's *Star Trek* became relevant and sexy all over again under Abrams' direction and, not incidentally, grossed \$385 million worldwide.

Disney, which paid Lucas \$4 billion for the *Star Wars* franchise, is betting that the force remains strong with this one, and announced recently that Abrams will direct *Star Wars: Episode VII*, which finally picks up where Luke, Han Solo, Princess Leia and all the Wookies, Ewoks and Jedi Knights left it long, long ago and far, far away, before Lucas the evil revisionist spoiled the whole thing with Jar Jar Binks.

If you don't think Jar Jar Binks was enough to bring down the franchise, you didn't read the reviews of his first appearance in *Episode I: The Phantom Menace*. One described Jar Jar as a "Rastafarian Stepin Fetchit on platform hoofs, crossed annoyingly with Butterfly McQueen."

It will be interesting to see if Jar Jar Binks survives to stumble again in *Episode VII*, which is scheduled to be released in 2015. Or thereabouts. Meanwhile, Abrams is keeping all those *Mission Impossible* and *Star Trek* balls in the air.

Not everyone is happy that J.J. Abrams has been given the keys to all their favourite franchises. The Twitterverse is buzzing: One tweeter alleges that J.J. Abrams's name is actually Jar Jar (for the record, it's Jeffrey Jacob) and another calls it "genre bogarting." But there is hope.

"As long as J.J. Abrams avoids Severe Blunt Force Trauma to the Head, these new *Star Wars* films will be WAY better than the last ones," says one fan who, you have to admit, has a way with 140 characters.

Speaking of franchises, I wonder if J.J. Abrams has met J.K. Rowling.



J.J. Abrams may prove his critics wrong. GETTY IMAGES

# The way the cookie crumbles



## Impostor strikes again

### Stolen cookie sculpture found on horse's neck

German police have recovered a cookie sculpture that may have been stolen by someone impersonating the Cookie Monster.

Police spokeswoman Jacob Heers says the 20-kilogram gilded sculpture was found Tuesday morning outside the Leibniz University in Hannover, Germany.

It was hanging from the neck of a horse sculpture with a red ribbon.

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## Open, Sesame

### 'Cookie Monster' demands donations

The century-old cookie was reported stolen last month from the office of a bakery company in Hannover.

A local newspaper later received a letter demanding cookies be delivered to children at a hospital. The paper also received a picture of someone dressed like Sesame Street's Cookie Monster holding what appeared to be the stolen cookie.

The Bahlsen company promised a reward of 52,000 packets of cookies for a charitable cause if their emblem turned up. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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## Bahlsen already gives

### Biscuit bandit still on the lam

No suspect has been apprehended.

"I have the cookie! And you want it," the ransom note reads. "You must give all the children milk chocolate cookies on one day in February — and not dark chocolate." It's signed "Cookie Monster."

A spokesperson for the children's hospital called the prank blackmail, adding that Bahlsen already does so much for the hospital and coercion is not necessary.

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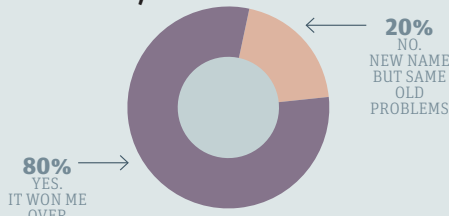
Bahlsen CEO Werner Michael Bahlsen appealed to the extortionists to return the stolen cookie logo on Jan. 30.

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Inset: A statue on the facade of the cookie maker before and after the sculpture was stolen. CONTRIBUTED



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## Will the Z10 save BlackBerry (formerly known as RIM)?



## Twitter

### @KelseyHip:

Someone is barbecuing steak. Smellgasm. #yyc

### @un\_teresa\_:

Just walked past a taxi with the windows down blasting death metal. Just when I thought I'd seen it all. #yyc

### @DR\_djr:

Just heard a guy at the #YYC airport ask his phone: "Siri, where can I find love tonight?" Interesting. Anyway, off to #YYZ now. Ugh.

### @MrMarston:

Not cool Deerfoot, not cool! #parkinglot #yyc

### @anothersupersta:

I love cats. I just wish I could eat an entire one myself. (Such a waste) #yyc #cats

### @betsmeyers:

The bus smells like alcohol. Always keepin it classy Calgary. #yyc

## Ceremony

### Harvard honours Sutherland

Golden-Globe-winning actor Kiefer Sutherland has been named Man of the Year by Harvard University's Hasty Pudding Theatricals.

Sutherland will be roasted and receive his ceremonial pudding pot at a ceremony scheduled for Friday. The 46-year-old Sutherland has been in dozens of films but is perhaps best known for his role as Jack Bauer in the television series 24, for which he won Golden Globe and Primetime Emmy awards. He is currently starring in the television show Touch.

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Kiefer Sutherland.  
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## Showtime

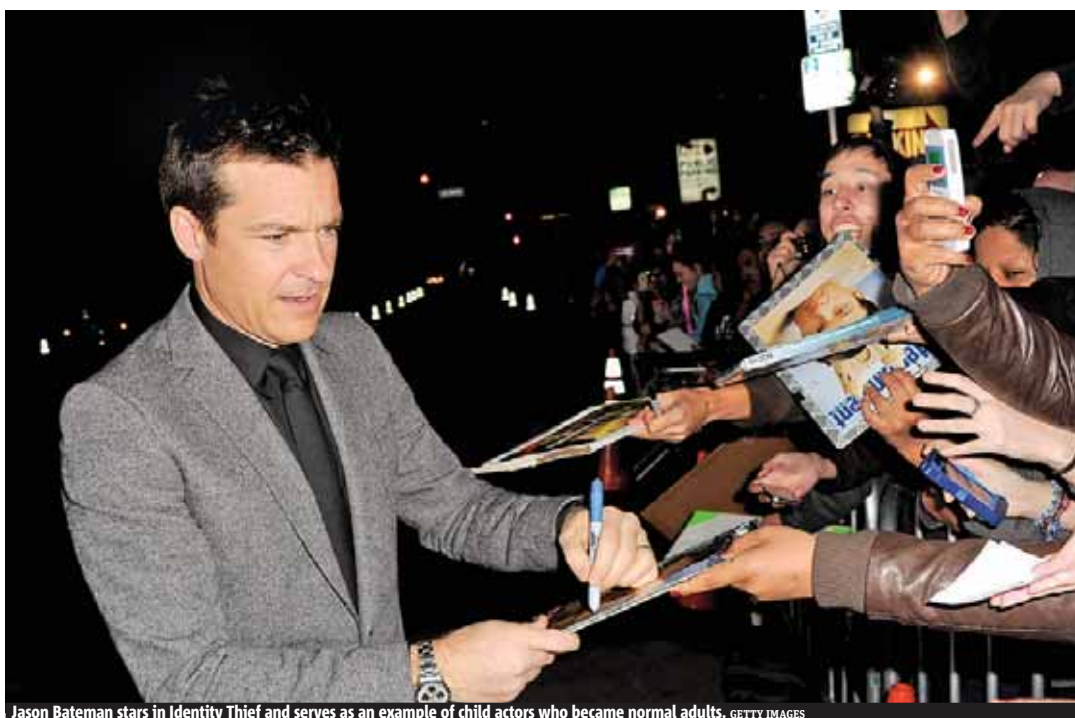
### Damon to play parody of himself

Matt Damon is becoming a TV comedy regular.

Showtime said Monday that Damon will guest star next week on House of Lies. He'll play what the channel called a "maniacal megastar" version of himself.

Last month, Damon staged a mock takeover of Jimmy Kimmel's ABC talk show, tying Kimmel to a chair and acting as host for a night.

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Jason Bateman stars in Identity Thief and serves as an example of child actors who became normal adults. GETTY IMAGES

# Finding an adult Identity

**Child actors.** A look at those, including Jason Bateman of Identity Thief, who bucked the trend and became successful adult actors

## She's no Lindsay Lohan

"I don't know why people think child actresses in particular are screwed up."

Jodie Foster

Talking about the perception of child actors.



IN  
FOCUS  
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It's a pop culture cliché that all child actors grow up to become the subject of tragic tabloid stories. Sure, adulthood was not kind to Gary Coleman or Jodie Sweetin (although she does earn a point or two for the title of her tell-all, *unSweetined*), but there are dozens of kid actors who grew up to have fulfilling careers in Hollywood.

Jason Bateman is one of the lucky ones who made the transition to adult roles with ease. At 12 he debuted as James Ingalls on *Little House on the Prairie* and, dozens of credits later, this weekend stars in *Identity Thief* opposite comedy it-girl Melissa McCarthy.

The longevity of his career is dwarfed by Jodie Foster, whose 47 years on screen have seen her do everything from Disney movies like *Freaky Friday* to playing an underage prostitute in *Taxi Driver* to winning Oscars for *The Accused* and *The Silence of the Lambs*.

"I don't know why people think child actresses in particular are screwed up," she says. "I see kids everywhere who are totally bored. I've never been bored a day in my life."

Mickey Rooney's cameo appearance in *The Muppets* marked 10 decades of acting in movies. He was just a year-and-a-half old when he began performing in his parent's vaudeville act and made his first film just a few years later, playing Mickey McGuire in a series of short films. The audition breakdown requested a young boy with dark hair, so Mickey's mom rubbed burnt

cork to his scalp to colour his blonde hair.

Long before Elijah Wood donned huge hairy feet and went off in search of the magical ring in *Lord of the Rings*, he kept busy as a child actor in movies like *Internal Affairs* and *Radio Flyer*.

It's hard to top winning an Oscar at age 11, but Anna Paquin has gone on to distinguish herself in indie hits like *The Squid and The Whale* and on television in *True Blood*. And speaking of Oscars, one of this year's best actor nominees, Joaquin Phoenix, made his debut at age eight, appearing on an episode of *Seven Brides For Seven Brothers* with his brother River.

"There are kids who get on a BMX bike when they're eight and they go, 'Whoa, this is incredible' and grow up to do extreme sports," he said. "It's the same for me with acting."



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### Bible study group newest Hollywood hotspot?

Apparently the hottest new young Hollywood hangout isn't a nightclub but a weekly bible study group — which Selena Gomez, Vanessa Hudgens and 90210 star Matt Lanter have reportedly been attending, according to Us Weekly. Gomez has even

brought ex-boyfriend Justin Bieber to the group, which meets monthly at a Beverly Hills hotel. "Justin's come in before and his mom, Pattie, is a regular," a source says. The group is reportedly organized by E! correspondent Jason Kennedy.

#### The Word

*Wallis' puppy purses make a splash on red carpet*



THE WORD  
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It's a very slow gossip day and honestly, if I have to write one more thing about the feud between Brandi Glanville and LeAnn Rimes, I'm going to pack up my things and move to Vermont where I will spend the rest of my days knitting and raising cattle and never reading another Us Weekly ever again. Or raising Budweiser Clydesdales. Whichever.

So, today's column will be about something totally rad and worth highlighting: The awesomeness that is Oscar nominee Quvenzhané Wallis' puppy purses.

Wallis owns 20 of the purses, designed by Poochie & Co., and they've been a mainstay on the red carpet for the nine-year-old actress. "That's my signature," she told Ellen DeGeneres about



rocking the accessory time and time again. And yes, expect to see one pop up (pup up?) at the Oscars. When asked by Jay Leno on The Tonight Show who she'll be taking to the awards ceremony, she held up her puppy purse and said, "This and my mom."

Cute, right? In Hollywood, where we force our girls to grow up much too quickly, it's nice to see a little girl act like a little girl. And carry a mass-produced purse that looks like a little dog instead of, you know, Gucci. You go, Quvenzhané Wallis.

### Trump sues Maher for \$5 million

Donald Trump is suing Bill Maher for \$5 million over a charity wager, according to E! News. Maher reportedly agreed to donate that amount to charity if Trump could prove — by producing a birth certificate — that he was not the child of an orangutan. Maher made the offer during a visit to The Tonight Show after Trump infamously made a similar \$5 million charity donation offer to Barack Obama that



Donald Trump

was widely criticized.

#### Twitter



@ShiaLaBeouf  
how are you guys doing?



@JoshRadnor  
Pretending like I don't like 'Peter, Paul, & Mary' is exhausting.



@Bitchuation  
When there is a sign posted in a bar that says WE ID ALL GUESTS and they don't ID you, is that bad?



@SarahKSilverman  
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## Daytona Beach, Fla.

White sand beaches, warm weather and partying around the clock awaits students who want to let loose. The hotels cater to budget-conscious students so you can have a week of fun in the sun without dipping too much into your student loan.

**Good if:** You want the classic spring break experience.

**Bad if:** You want to feel rested when you get back.

# 5 Spring break spots

## Mont Tremblant, Que.

If you daydream in philosophy class about carving through fresh powder, then make your way to this popular ski city. Busloads of students will be doing the same, making the nightlife in the village a can't-miss during spring break. Think you'll break your neck on the slopes? Try dogsledding or tubing.

**Good if:** You want to cuddle up with a ski bunny at night.

**Bad if:** You underdress and get frostbite.



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## New Orleans

It's a gritty city that celebrates sin. February is Mardi Gras month and depending on when you arrive, the French Quarter will be bustling with parties so wild that you'll be repeating stories of that "amazing spring break" well into your golden years. New Orleans is a safe city as long as you stick to the highly populated areas.

**Good if:** You're into voodoo.

**Bad if:** Parades and scantily clad women scare you.



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## Montreal

Students looking for more of a cosmopolitan experience will find it in the historically rich and charming streets of Montreal. It may not be 30 C and sunny, but there's literally hundreds of restaurants to cosy up in with some comfort food when you're not busy exploring an art gallery or boutique.

**Good if:** You're underage because the legal drinking age is 18.

**Bad if:** You hate winter.

## Cancun, Mexico

This list would lack credibility if it didn't include the sun and booze-soaked experience that is Cancun. The main strip has student-friendly hotels and the glorious weather makes lounging by the pool the obvious thing to do during the day. The exciting nightlife attracts people from all over North America and Cancun is safe for travellers. But like all party towns, it's wise to stay with your friends at all times.

**Good if:** "Tequila" is your middle name.

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# Where the ladies at? Try Bermuda

## Island escape.

This small northern Caribbean destination is the perfect spot to leave the stress of home behind

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Sun, spa and shopping. The perfect girls getaway trifecta can be found on the island of Bermuda. Only 42 square kilometres in area, this northern Caribbean destination is a quick trip from Toronto but a long, long way from the routine of kids, work and making dinner.

Bermuda has two distinct precincts: Hamilton and St. George's. Hamilton offers up high street shopping and a wide selection of restaurants.

The British influence is heavily felt throughout, including the micro Marks & Spencer store, a favourite for visitors and ex-pats. The Fairmont Hamilton Princess

is centrally located, and provides accommodation within three main lodge-style buildings.

The two pools and hot tubs are perfectly situated for an expansive view of the Atlantic Ocean and the island itself.

Poolside at the Fairmont Princess in Hamilton Bermuda is a relaxing way to unwind after touring the shops of its quaint downtown.

A free ferry service is offered to residents of the Fairmont Princess across to the Fairmont Southampton. Upon landing, the hotel's flagship restaurant, Ocean Club, has a menu that takes full advantage of the wide variety of seafood available, including the local specialty, rockfish.

A trolley bus is at the ferry to meet passengers, who take a five-minute ride up the hill to the main building, home to the acclaimed Willowstream spa, a favourite for pampered perfection.

After a spa treatment, guests are welcome to slide into the outdoor hot tubs or take a swim in the in-

door pool. Wait staff are more than happy to serve up nibbles and the cocktail of your choice, while you lounge in the sun and take in the vista.

Visiting the island during the Bermuda Triangle Challenge Race (run every January) brings a physical fitness element to an escape. The challenge includes the International Mile starting and finishing on the main street of Hamilton, the 10k run and walk the next day, and a half marathon to complete the triangle.

Runners and walkers alike wind their way around the beautiful vistas and it isn't uncommon to see them stop to take pictures along the route.

On the other side of the island, the town of St. George's offers up authentic island goods in a small and easily walkable shopping district.

"Random Acts of Knitting" can be found on light poles and palm trees, which add to the vibrant colours of the town, already populated with brightly painted buildings. Lunch at local favourite Wahoo's provides for



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a great taste of the island with a daily menu, but most often features rockfish, done in inventive sauces and styles. Segway tours are available, and the town hall is open to the public, and has a remnant from the past present, — the gallows that are still standing in the town square.

WestJet flies to St. Lucia from Toronto three times a week. For information on Fairmonts in Bermuda, visit [fairmont.com/Bermuda](http://fairmont.com/Bermuda).



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# Salad that packs a protein punch without meat: Hearty Grain & Quinoa

Edamame, grains and cheese ensure this unusual and refreshing salad has a main course level of protein.

1. Bring medium saucepan of water to a boil. Add edamame and corn. Reduce heat to medium; simmer 3 to 4 minutes. Drain; set aside to cool.

2. Meanwhile, gently squeeze pouch all over to break the rice apart. Tear top corners of pouch about 1/2 inch (1 cm). Place pouch, upright, in the microwave and heat on high for 1 minute and 30 seconds. Let stand in

microwave 1 to 2 minutes. Caution: Pouch will be hot.

3. Carefully remove from microwave, holding sides. Pour into a bowl, stir and set aside to cool.

4. In small bowl, whisk together shallot, lemon juice, oil and pepper until combined.

5. Add edamame, corn, tomatoes and feta cheese to cooled rice mixture. Drizzle dressing over top; toss lightly to combine.

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## Ingredients

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 10 minutes

- 1 cup (250 ml) frozen edamame
- 1 cup (250 ml) frozen corn
- 1 pkg (250 g) PC Blue Menu Whole Grain Brown Rice with Lentils and Quinoa Blend
- 1 shallot, minced

- 3 tbsp (45 ml) fresh lemon juice
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) omega oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup (250 ml) cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) drained and crumbled light feta cheese in brine



This recipe serves four. NEWS CANADA

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Dreaming of warmer weather? Make this snack that features peaches, ginger and coconut water.

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- 1 tsp (5 ml) vanilla
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) ginger
- 1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) nutmeg
- Honey or agave syrup

Drain peaches, reserving 2 tbsp (30 ml) juice. Place peaches, reserved peach juice, coconut water or almond milk, yogurt, vanilla, ginger and nutmeg in a blender. Blend until smooth. If you wish, sweeten with honey or agave syrup.

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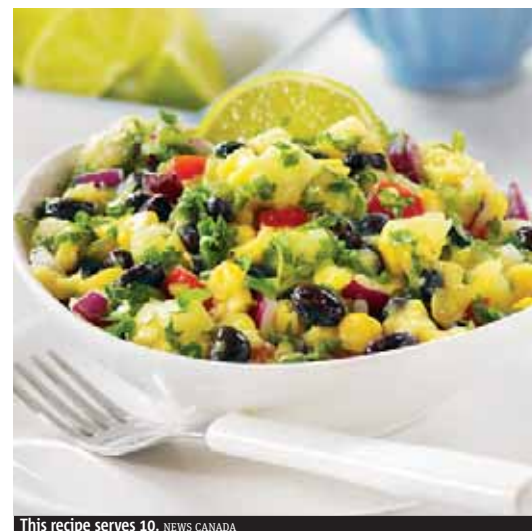
Canned-cream-style corn gives this potato salad a delectable creaminess, without the usual mayo. For added flavour, top with your choice of shredded cheese.

This salad can be made and refrigerated one day ahead. It's perfect for pot-

## Ingredients

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 10 minutes

- 3 lb (1.5 kg) Yukon Gold potatoes, scrubbed and cut in 3/4 (2 cm) cubes
- 1 can (540 ml) black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup (250 ml) diced red onion
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) diced sweet red pepper
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) finely chopped green onion
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) chopped fresh coriander
- 1 can (398 ml) cream-style corn
- Quarter jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped (optional)
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) fresh lime juice
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt



This recipe serves 10. NEWS CANADA

lucks and parties.

1. Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil over medium-high heat. Add potatoes; once water returns to boil, reduce heat to medium. Cover and cook for about 10 minutes or until tender. Drain; transfer to baking sheet to cool com-

pletely.

2. Meanwhile, in extra large bowl combine black beans, red onion, red pepper, green onion, coriander, corn, jalapeno (if using), lime juice and salt.

3. Add cooled potatoes; toss to combine. NEWS CANADA/PC.CA

# Welcome to a wild, wild world

**The tree of life.** In this time of employment uncertainty, only you can prevent a forest industry labour shortage

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If you don't know much about the forest products industry and its career opportunities, no one could blame you.

It's a sector that has flown under the radar for much of the last decade, losing as many as 70,000 jobs in the wake of a stronger Canadian dollar, changes in the global economy, the increasing prevalence of digital media, and the U.S. housing market collapse and subsequent recession in 2008.

More recently, however, it seems as though the industry's fortunes are changing.

There is increased global demand for traditional Canadian wood and paper products, and the innovative new technologies being



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The only thing holding it back now, though, is a looming talent shortage.

**Why the forest products industry needs you**

According to a report released by the Forest Products Sector Council (FPSC) in 2011, it is estimated that more than one third of the industry's aging workforce — about 50,000 people — will leave within the next 10 years.

"It's hard to imagine that we're facing labour challenges after shedding so many jobs," says Jim Farrell, Executive Director of the FPSC, but the industry's long-standing public perception and image problems, coupled with its current demographics, mean

## We want you!

The number of young people working in the sector is at a historical low compared to the overall workforce, so it may need to hire as many as 120,000 people by the year 2020.

there just aren't enough people to replace all of the baby boomers who are slated to retire.

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About one third of forest products employers say they are already making significant efforts to target youth for recruitment into the sector, with many more sure to follow.

## Beyond lumber, pulp and paper

Canada's forest products sec-

tor is carving a new path for itself that goes far beyond the traditional industry staples of lumber and paper.

"There's more effort being made by companies as well as government to accelerate transformation in the industry," Farrell says. "We currently have eight research networks with 27 universities across the country."

Those research networks are developing products such as antibiotics and pharmaceuticals, biofuels and bioplastics, glues, enzymes and paints, artificial flavours and fertilizers — all derived from Canadian wood, which is a completely renewable resource.

"This is the kind of thinking that, within 10 years, could put Canada's forest products industry in a fundamentally different place than it was before," Jim says.

"We're going to need a whole bunch of smart, educated people to enter the industry."

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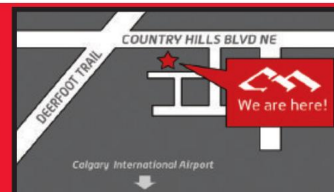
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Flames goalie Leland Irving stops a shot by Red Wings centre Pavel Datsyuk on Tuesday during the third period in Detroit. Irving replaced starter Miikka Kiprusoff, who left the game with a lower-body injury. Calgary won 4-1. PAUL SANCYA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Iginla pots first goal in Flames win

**NHL.** Newly acquired forward Jiri Hudler earns bragging rights versus former team

Jarome Iginla scored his first goal of the season and Dennis Wideman had a goal and an assist to lead the Calgary Flames past the Detroit Red Wings 4-1 on Tuesday night.

Curtis Glencross and Mark Giordano also scored for Calgary. Mike Cammalleri had two assists and Miikka Kiprusoff made 19 saves before being replaced by Leland Irving to start the third period because of a lower-body injury.

Irving stopped six shots. Johan Franzen scored for Detroit and Jimmy Howard made 19 saves. Howard also stopped Iginla on a penalty shot.

Wideman extended Calgary's lead to 3-1 with 24 seconds left in the second period. He beat Howard with a wrist shot from just inside the blue-line after Matt Stajan beat Pavel Datsyuk on a faceoff. It was Wideman's second goal this season.

Giordano added a power-play goal late in the third period.

Franzen put Detroit on the board on a power-play goal with 7:23 remaining in the second period. He beat Ki-

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prusoff high to the glove side with a backhand shot from the bottom of the left circle for his third goal.

Howard foiled Iginla on a penalty shot with 6:48 left in the second period after Jonathan Ericsson interfered with Iginla on a breakaway chance.

Datsyuk hit the goal-

post on a rebound almost a minute into the second period during a power play.

Calgary led 2-0 after the first.

Iginla opened the scoring 3:24 into the game when he put in a rebound during a goal-mouth scramble for his 517th NHL goal. Glencross added a 5-on-3 power-play goal with 9:35 left in the first when he tapped a pass from Cammalleri into the open side of the net. It was Glencross's fourth goal.

The game was Calgary forward Jiri Hudler's first against his former team after signing a four-year, \$16-million free-agent contract with the Flames over the summer.

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## CFL

### Veteran Rambo released by Argos

The Toronto Argonauts released wide receiver Ken-Yon Rambo on Tuesday.

Rambo signed with the Argos in August 2012 and played in only five regular-season games but did not dress during the team's playoff run and eventual Grey Cup championship.

The 34-year-old recorded 10 catches for 124 yards during those five games with Toronto.

Prior to the Argos, he spent seven seasons with the Calgary Stampeders before the team released him in June 2012 after Rambo's Achilles tendinitis flared up during training camp.

He helped the Stamps win the 2008 Grey Cup and was eighth on the club's all-time list for receptions (406) and receiving yards (5,995).

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## CFL

### Alouettes acquire RB Messam

The Montreal Alouettes acquired running back and former CFL outstanding Canadian Jerome Messam from the Edmonton Eskimos for a sixth-round draft pick, the CFL club announced Tuesday.

The 245-pound Messam was named the league's top Canadian in 2011 when he became the first non-import to rush for more than 1,000 yards since Sean Millington in 2000. He had 1,057 yards and six touchdowns on 195 carries that season.

The Brampton, Ont., native missed half of last season in a failed bid to crack the Miami Dolphins lineup, rejoining Edmonton in late August. He had 168 yards rushing and one TD over the last nine games of the season.

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**Countdown to Olympics.** President using event to showcase a prosperous Russia

One year before Russia hosts its first Winter Olympics, the Black Sea resort of Sochi is a vast construction site sprawling for nearly 40 kilometres along the coast and 50 kilometres up into the mountains. After arriving at Sochi's new airport, there's no escape from the clang and clatter of the drilling, jackhammering and mixing of cement that drowns out the hum of the sea and the birdsong.

For Russia and its leadership, the 2014 Sochi Games is not just a major sports event but a point of national pride. President Vladimir Putin has made the Olympics his personal project and, determined to use them to showcase a powerful and prosperous Russia, has spared no expense to make sure the games are a success.



The Olympic stadium, pictured on Jan. 30, is under construction at the Russian Black Sea resort of Sochi, with just one year till the opening ceremony of the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics. IGOR YAKUNIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On Thursday, Putin will be in Sochi to preside over a lavish celebration marking the one-year countdown to the opening ceremony on Feb. 7, 2014.

"The project is under his permanent control and we enjoy the full government support," Sochi organizing committee head Dmitry Cher-

nyshenko said. "This really is his games because he recognizes the power of these games, the greatest-ever catalyst to accelerate positive change."

The current overall price tag for the games is \$51 billion, more than four times as much as Russia estimated when it was awarded the Olympics in 2007. This would make Sochi the most expensive Olympics in history, surpassing the \$40 billion that China is believed to have splashed out for the 2008 Summer Games in Beijing. For Sochi, at least half the money is coming from state coffers, with most of the rest being put forward by state-controlled companies and Russian tycoons.

The costs are high because they include extensive infrastructure development in addition to construction of the Olympic venues, almost all of which had to be built from scratch. Most of the sports venues have already been completed or will be in the next few months, while armies of workers are busy building hotels and additional Olympic facilities, including two of the three athletes' villages and the media centre.

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## Athlete to watch

### Groenewoud best hope in halfpipe

Rosalind Groenewoud, a freestyle skier from Calgary, is expected to lead Canadian hopes in the women's halfpipe competition, another debut event at the Sochi Games. She took an interest in moguls as a youngster before making the transition to freestyle. Now Groenewoud is the reigning world champion. She also won the X Games title last year.

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#### ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	10	7	3	0	34	24	14
New Jersey	9	5	1	3	23	20	13
NY Islanders	9	4	4	1	29	30	9
NY Rangers	9	4	5	0	20	25	8
Philadelphia	10	4	6	0	23	27	8

#### NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	8	6	1	1	24	19	13
Ottawa	10	6	3	1	29	19	13
Montreal	8	6	2	0	26	17	12
Toronto	10	5	5	0	25	29	10
Buffalo	10	3	6	1	30	37	7

#### SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Tampa Bay	9	6	3	0	40	23	12
Winnipeg	9	4	4	1	27	34	9
Carolina	8	4	4	0	22	24	8
Florida	9	3	5	1	22	33	7
Washington	10	2	7	1	23	36	5

**Note:** A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

#### Tuesday's results

Toronto 3 Washington 2  
Los Angeles 4 Columbus 2  
Pittsburgh 4 NY Islanders 2  
New Jersey 3 NY Rangers 1  
Philadelphia 2 Tampa Bay 1  
Calgary 4 Detroit 1  
Ottawa 4 Buffalo 3  
Winnipeg 3 Florida 2 (OT)  
Nashville 6 St. Louis 1  
Chicago at San Jose

#### Monday's results

Carolina 4 Toronto 1  
Dallas 3 Colorado 2  
Phoenix 2 Minnesota 1  
Vancouver 3 Edmonton 2 (OT)  
Anaheim 2 San Jose 1  
**Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern**  
Boston at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.  
Anaheim at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.  
Dallas at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

#### Thursday's games

Florida at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
Washington at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
Calgary at Columbus, 7 p.m.  
NY Islanders at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.  
Montreal at Buffalo, 7 p.m.  
Carolina at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.  
Toronto at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.  
Los Angeles at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
Detroit at St. Louis, 8 p.m.  
Vancouver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Chicago at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	9	7	0	2	28	20	16
St. Louis	9	6	3	0	32	25	12
Nashville	9	4	2	3	20	21	11
Detroit	9	4	4	1	23	28	9
Columbus	10	3	6	1	20	32	7

#### NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Vancouver	9	5	2	2	24	22	12
Edmonton	9	4	3	2	22	24	10
Minnesota	9	4	4	1	21	24	9
Colorado	9	4	5	0	21	23	8
Calgary	7	2	3	2	20	25	6

#### PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	9	7	1	1	31	16	15
Anaheim	8	6	1	1	29	23	13
Phoenix	10	4	4	2	29	27	10
Dallas	10	4	5	1	20	25	9
Los Angeles	8	3	3	2	20	25	8

#### SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Vanek, Buf	8	11	19
Stankos, TBL	7	9	16
Marneau, SJ	9	5	14
Thornton, SJ	3	11	14
St. Louis, TBL	3	11	14
Pominville, Buf	5	8	13
Kane, Chi	4	9	13
Crosby, Phg	4	9	13
Zetterberg, Det	5	7	12
Conacher, TBL	5	7	12
Pavelski, SJ	4	8	12
Malkin, Phg	2	10	12
Couture, SJ	6	5	11
Lecavalier, TBL	4	7	11
Tavares, NYI	4	7	11
Enstrom, Win	2	9	11
Staal, Car	7	3	10
Parise, Min	6	4	10
Hossa, Chi	6	4	10
Tarasenko, STL	5	5	10
Kunitz, Phg	5	5	10
Gagner, Edm	3	7	10
Datsyuk, Det	3	7	10
Vrbata, Phx	3	7	10
Ribeiro, Wash	2	8	10
Parenteau, Col	7	2	9
Skinner, Car	5	4	9
Hodgeson, Buf	5	4	9
Clarkson, NJ	5	4	9
Selanne, Ana	3	6	9
Duchene, Col	2	7	9
Koivu, Ana	2	7	9
Purcell, TBL	2	7	9
Hall, Edm	2	7	9
Shattenkirk, STL	1	8	9

Not including last night's games

## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	31	14	.689	—
New York	31	15	.674	1/2
Indiana	30	19	.612	3
Chicago	29	19	.604	3 1/2
Brooklyn	28	20	.583	4 1/2
Atlanta	26	21	.553	6
Milwaukee	25	22	.532	7
Boston	24	23	.511	8
Philadelphia	21	26	.447	11
Detroit	18	31	.367	15
<b>Toronto</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>.354</b>	<b>15 1/2</b>
Orlando	14	34	.292	18 1/2
Cleveland	14	34	.292	18 1/2
Washington	12	35	.255	20
Charlotte	11	36	.234	21

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	38	11	.776	—
Oklahoma City	36	12	.750	1 1/2
L.A. Clippers	34	16	.680	4 1/2
Memphis	30	17	.638	7
Denver	31	18	.633	7
Golden State	30	18	.625	7 1/2
Utah	27	22	.551	11
Houston	27	23	.540	11 1/2
Portland	25	23	.521	12 1/2
L.A. Lakers	23	26	.469	15
Dallas	20	28	.417	17 1/2
Minnesota	18	27	.400	18
Phoenix	17	32	.347	21
Sacramento	17	33	.340	21 1/2
New Orleans	15	33	.313	22 1/2

**Note:** division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

#### Tuesday's results

Indiana 114 Atlanta 103  
L.A. Lakers 92 Brooklyn 83  
Phoenix 96 Memphis 90  
Houston 140 Golden State 109  
Denver 112 Milwaukee 104

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Milwaukee at Utah, 9 p.m.  
San Antonio at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

#### Thursday's games

L.A. Lakers at Boston, 8 p.m.  
Chicago at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

# Ravens salute fans at homecoming

**Super Bowl champs.**  
Purple mob floods city for first time since 2001

Baltimore celebrated with its Super Bowl champion Ravens on Tuesday, with thousands of fans in purple lining the streets and packing the team's stadium for a celebration.

Fans filled the square in front of city hall and cheered when the team arrived and players held the silver Lombardi trophy aloft. The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management estimated that 200,000 people took part in the celebration.

Coach John Harbaugh thanked the fans for their support, and safety Ed Reed sang the melody of Eddie Money's Two Tickets to Paradise. Retiring middle linebacker Ray Lewis, the only current player to have started with the team when it came to the city from Cleveland in 1996, told fans the team had fulfilled a promise to go to New Orleans and win.

"The city of Baltimore — I



Linebacker Ray Lewis of the Baltimore Ravens dances as he and teammates celebrate during their Super Bowl victory parade in Baltimore.  
PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

love you forever and ever and ever and ever," Lewis told fans in front of city hall.

When the team arrived at the stadium, they treated fans to a thank-you celebration that lasted just over half an hour. Lewis emerged from a tunnel onto the field, handed off the Lombardi trophy and did his signature dance, The

Squirrel. He thanked fans for their love of the team and said he wanted to win the Super Bowl to repay Baltimore for everything it's done for him.

Joe Flacco, the Super Bowl's most valuable player, also addressed fans. "Baltimore, we did it. Super Bowl champs, baby."

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## Tennis. Raonic ready to continue his rise in 2013

Milos Raonic is one of the biggest young stars on the ATP Tour and he's riding high after anchoring Canada's recent upset win over Spain in Davis Cup play.

The future is bright for the 22-year-old right-hander from Thornhill, Ont., who currently sits at a career-high No. 13 in the world rankings. His next mission is to take the necessary steps to continue his steady growth on the ATP Tour.

It won't be easy to crack that upper echelon, where the sport's elite players are rooted. The top level is filled with battle-tested veterans who are loaded with experience and seem to be a half-step ahead of the rest.

Raonic appears well-positioned to get there down the road — it seems to be just a matter of when.

"I think I'm capable of a lot of things," Raonic said Tuesday of the season ahead. "I've set my goal to make London at the year-end (championship). That would probably put me in the top eight. So all these kind of things I look forward to."

"I've just got to work one match at a time and try to keep getting better throughout the year."

Raonic is known for his booming serve and power game. But he has worked



No. 13 in the world, Milos Raonic is best known for his booming serve.  
DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

hard over the last few years to improve his return skills and net play.

It was a more well-rounded Raonic that clinched an upset win for Canada last weekend.

In the deciding match, Raonic kept Spain's Guillermo Garcia-Lopez on his heels and was able to dictate the pace of play. Raonic still relied on his heavy serve, but also worked his opponent around the court and was aggressive with his volleys.

The straight-set victory at the University of British Columbia put Canada through to the Davis Cup World Group quarter-finals for the first time. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Skiing

## Crash spells end of Vonn's season

The U.S. Ski Team says Lindsey Vonn has torn the ACL and MCL in her right knee and also has a broken bone after a horrific crash Tuesday at the world championships in Austria.

The team says Vonn will undergo surgery and will miss the rest of this season but is expected to return in time for the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

Vonn lost balance on her right leg while landing a jump, flipped over in the air and landed on her backside as she smashed through a gate before coming to a halt.

The four-time overall World Cup winner and 2010 Olympic downhill champion received medical treatment on the slope for 12 minutes before being taken by helicopter to a hospital in Schladming.

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# The 2013 Mini Paceman



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## Fuel economy

The little hatchback's fuel-consumption estimate of 7.4 l/100 km in the city and 5.7 on the highway (for the base 1.6) is impressive. Note that all Paceman engines require more expensive premium fuel that offsets some of the perceived efficiency.



It's very roomy in the trunk.

## 2013 Mini Paceman

- **Type.** Two-door, front-, AWD-compact hatchback
- **Engine (hp).** 1.6-litre DOHC I4 (121); 1.6-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (181-218)
- **Transmission.** Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic (opt.)
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$28,550

## Engine

Under the hood it's a case of if you've seen one Mini you've seen them all as the available engines are offered in all seven Mini body styles. The base Cooper's 1.6-litre four-cylinder makes 121 horsepower and 114 pound-feet of torque, while the optional turbo-charged 1.6 in the Cooper S ups those numbers to 181/177.

## Design

The tough-dude front end design of the Paceman includes a grille that makes the vehicle look as though it's frowning at the world, but it surely gives it character. Other distinctive characteristics encompass teardrop-shaped tail lights and rear fenders bulge out slightly from the quarter panels.

## Review. Somehow Mini found yet another niche

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They might all, literally, be Mini, but BMW's Britain-based division is expanding in a big way. The latest edition is the Paceman, which is a two-door hatchback (based on the Countryman four-door model) that arrives this spring.

Where the Countryman appears as a conservatively styled wagon, the Paceman's sportier looks hint at its more playful nature around town, on the open road, or over rougher terrain with its available all-wheel-drive. You would think the Paceman's sloping roofline and liftgate would adversely affect stowage space.

Surprisingly, that's not the case, with the Paceman surrendering only about six per cent volume with the rear seats in place and about eight

per cent when they're folded flat.

The interior includes four adjustable bucket seats — also adapted from the Countryman — that are especially attractive.

Of course the Mini's signature round dash gauges are very much in evidence, although not quite as in-your-face as those installed in the basic Mini Cooper or Mini Clubman. Rumour has it the next-generation Mini will adopt a more conventional layout, which would likely be a step in the right direction.

What is decidedly non-conventional is the Paceman's illuminated centre-rail floor console to which you can attach a cellphone base, cup holders, sunglasses case and other accessories. And it also comes equipped with the usual gadgets and extras.

The Paceman's unique mix of sporty style and practicality, with an available side order of rough-road ruggedness, makes it perhaps the best reason yet to consider parking a Mini in your driveway.



The interior is simple, futuristic and comes with the signature round gauges.



There are four adjustable bucket seats inside.

## By comparison



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**3** Volvo C30  
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# A gadget-enhanced driving experience



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It's a time-honoured tradition: improving and personalizing your vehicle through gadgets.

The tradition was founded, one could argue, with the Ford Model T.

"A Ford was born naked as a baby, and a flourishing industry grew up out of correcting its rare deficiencies and combating its fascinating diseases," wrote E.B. White of the Model T, in his famous essay, Farewell My Lovely, first published in the May 16, 1936 edition of The New Yorker.

He began his essay by lamenting the new Sears Roebuck catalogue, which by that point only had one page devoted to Model T accessories and parts. This was in contrast to the "spring times when the Ford gadget section was larger than men's clothing, almost as large as household furnishings."

Of course, back in those days, a Model T gadget could be something like a rear



The Yoda Digital Baby Camera/Monitor.

view mirror, a foot accelerator to replace the standard hand accelerator, or a tire patch kit. According to White, every Model T owner back then "was capable of putting on a patch, expected to, and did have to."

Now we're expected to be drinking coffee and responding to text messages

while driving.

In fact, Fiat's European division has come up with the world's first in-car espresso maker. Fiat 500L buyers in Europe can order this maker directly from Fiat. It slides into the centre console and makes nice, hot espresso whenever you want, as long as the 500L is



The Mastercraft Pitcart would fit in at a NASCAR race. PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

in park. It doesn't look like we'll get it in North America. We still don't get a lot of the interesting and sporting vehicle and powertrain options the Europeans get — now we have to add portable espresso machines to the off-limits list. Damn you old world power.

But just as well, as there

are lots of other new gadgets that need our attention.

I recently attended Canadian Tire's press event, highlighting some of its new automotive products for the upcoming spring season. A lot of car cleaning and man-cave garage type stuff. A lot of electronic stuff.

My favourite garage/tool

item is the Mastercraft Pitcart — a huge toolbox on wheels worthy of a NASCAR team.

But nothing says gadget like an electronic gadget. Electronic gadgets that further connectivity, safety, navigation, entertainment, etc., are exploding in number these days.

Mandi Paquin-Johnson, Canadian Tire's car category buyer, told us that the Yoda Digital Baby Camera/Monitor is one of the bigger electronic gadget hits over the last year. The monitor mounts on the front dash, so you never have to swivel your head to see how junior's doing in the backseat. "Everyone who's tried one loves it," says Paquin-Johnson.

Because the electronic industry moves faster than the automotive industry, I don't think there will ever be a shortage of such new gadgets that people will want to incorporate into their driving experiences. This should ensure that the gadget tradition would continue to thrive, even though cars no longer come from the factory, as the Model T once did, "naked as a baby."

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## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

You have been extremely active mentally of late and your mind could probably use a rest. Try to treat yourself more gently over the next 24 hours. Even an Aries needs a break once in a while.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

The most important thing now is that you don't change your aims unless you are certain it's the right thing to do. It is better to finish what you started, even if your passion for it is not what it once was.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Mercury, your ruler, joins forces with Neptune, planet of imagination, so you are sure to come up with some ideas. Whether they can do something for you remains to be seen. Never stop thinking.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Watch what you say today because you don't want to let slip information that others have no right to know — and which they can use against you. Be wary of people who try to talk to you about personal matters.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Your judgment could be a bit off target today, so be careful if someone approaches you with a plan to make money. It could be they are genuine but unless you are sure it might be wise to give it a miss.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Even if you are the sort of Virgo who is good at disguising feelings, you will still be a bit emotional today. Remember, it's not that others have upset you which matters but how you choose to react.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

If you act on impulse today, you could make a serious mistake. Then you will have to take foolish risks to try to cover up that mistake and before you know it, everything will be falling apart. Don't do it!

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You will get plenty of advice from well-meaning people today, but deep down you already know what needs to be done. Stop wasting time discussing the issue and start doing the things that will change your life.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Some things are important and some things are not. Do you know which is which? No matter how much your career means to you, it is your home life you need to focus on over the next few days.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You will be rather controversial in some of the things you say over the next 24 hours, so don't be surprised if people get upset. Be that as it may, you have a duty to tell the truth as you see it.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You may be having second thoughts about a project of some kind but if you pull out now you could lose a lot of money. Can you afford it? Also, can you afford what it might do to your reputation?

### Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Neptune, your ruling planet, is strong in your chart today, which means you know exactly what needs to be done. But do you have the courage to do it? If you do you will make rapid progress. **SALLY BROMPTON**

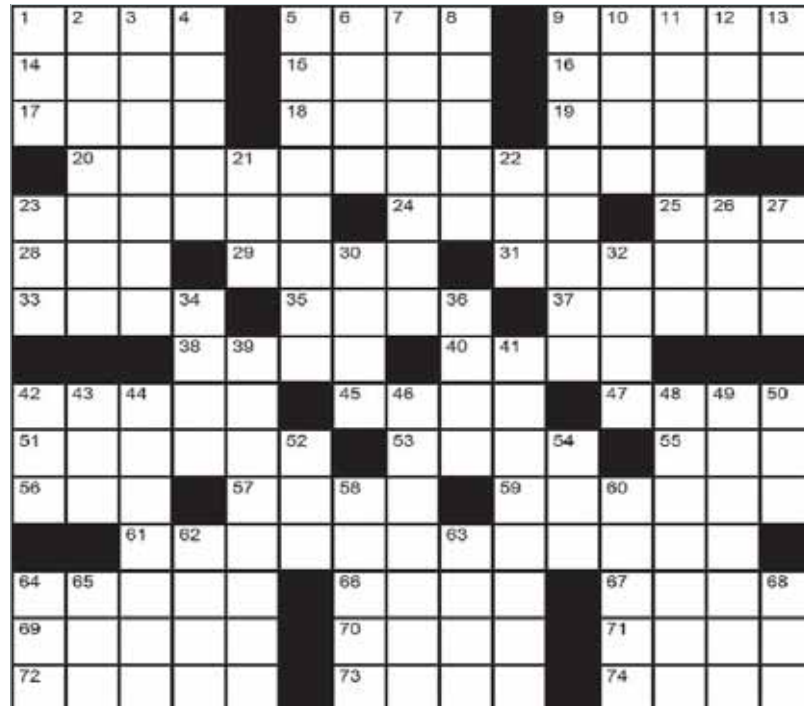
## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

1. Dot-\_\_ (Web businesses)
5. Pelletier's skating partner
9. Cal-length pant
14. Take \_\_ the waist, as alterations: 2 wds.
15. Do needlework
16. Utilize a crane
17. Designer Ms. Wang
18. \_\_ fever (Ailed)
19. Smallest litter puppies
20. Mick E. Moose is this team's mascot: 2 wds.
23. Maple Leafs great Mr. Clark
24. Carnivore's craving
25. Energy unit
28. " \_\_ Haw"
29. Jazz singer Ms. Fitzgerald
31. Dotted-line endorser
33. Gumbo ingredient
35. Long times
37. Foodie
38. Australian rock group
40. "Woodstock" gr.
42. "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" spin-off
45. Ginger cookie
47. Consequently
51. Angel
53. Mr. Clapton
55. "Ranch" suffix
56. Director Mr. Lee
57. Air freshener brand
59. Toronto's \_\_ Phillips Square
61. New Brunswick, e.g.: 2 wds.
64. Paul McCartney song: " \_\_ Was Lonely"
66. Jai \_\_ (Court game)
67. Nons opposites
69. Allied beachhead site in Italy in WWII
70. Confined
71. One being taken advantage of
72. Country singer Ms. Rimes
73. 'Henn' ender (Canadian actress Jill)
74. Quiz

### Down

1. Caesar's 104
2. Seven days: 2 wds.

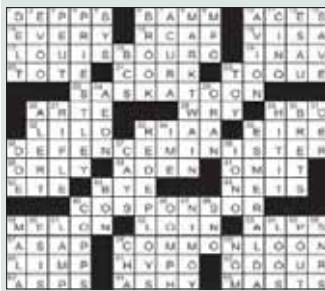


3. Seafarer
4. " \_\_ by Me" (1986)
5. Dubstep artist whose real name is Sonny Moore
6. Take \_\_ (Rest)
7. Offensive \_\_ (Football position)
8. Story, in a house, in French
9. 20th Prime Minister, Jean \_\_
10. August: French
11. Canadian actor Gordon
12. After-Q queue
13. " \_\_ Too Late" by Carole King
21. Maiden name indicator
22. Affirmatives, in Austria

23. Five Ws, just one
26. British R&B singer, Des' \_\_
27. Munich's locale [abbr.]
30. Sports defeat
32. Music legend Marvin
34. Verdi opera
36. Incision leftover
39. \_\_ Bonaparte
41. Michael J. Fox series: 2 wds.
42. Cape Town's home [acronym]
43. She-chicken
44. Wedding dress material
46. Sugarland singer Jennifer
48. Find new lodgings for

49. Some sauces
50. Suffix with 'Ball'
52. Mount \_\_ (Sacred mountain in China)
54. Pen part
58. Severus \_\_ ('Harry Potter' books character)
60. Freshwater fish
62. Identical
63. 'Christ' suffix (Some religious people)
64. Seasickness, \_\_ de mer
65. Suffix with 'Meth'
68. Fixed

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku



## Weather

TODAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



MAX: 4°  
MIN: -2°



MAX: 4°  
MIN: -8°



MAX: -2°  
MIN: -7°



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His anger on us.  
(1 Thess 5:9)

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1708 8th St. SW  
2008 33rd Ave. SW  
4623 Bow Trail SW  
6039 Centre St. S  
16061 MacLeod Trail S

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Shepard Centre  
1061 Macleod Trail SE  
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